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SUBJ: IHAWK PROGRAM

1. GOK AIR DEFENSE ADVISOR BRIG MUSTAFA RECENTLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN DEVELOPING AN IHAWK BN ORGANIZATION, IN OBTAINING TMS AND FMS, AND IN OBTAINING CRITERIA FOR SITE SELECTION.

2. IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE ORGANIZATION OF AN IHAWK BN COULD VARY DEPENDING UPON MISSION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF THE AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, AS WELL AS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN AIR DEFENSE AND AIR FORCE COMMANDS. BRIG MUSTAFA INDICATED THAT NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED BY GOK CONCERNING THESE QUESTIONS AND STATED THAT A STANDARD IHAWK TO&E SHOULD BE DEVELOPED RATHER THAN AWAITING THESE DECISIONS. A STANDARD TO&E HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND WILL BE DISCUSSED WITH HIM IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. GOK AIR DEFENSE STAFF WAS REQUESTED TO CONDUCT AN INVENTORY OF TMS AND FMS TO DETERMINE SHORTAGES. BASED ON THE LIST OF SHORTAGES, A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE EMBASSY.

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4. NOW THAT CASE UCY HAS BEEN SIGNED, THE NEXT MAJOR OBSTACLE TO BE OVERCOME IN THE IHAWK PROGRAM IS THE MATTER OF SITE SELECTION. SITE SELECTION CANNOT BE PERFORMED WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THE CLASSIFIED CAPABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM. SINCE KUWAITI PERSONNEL ARE PROBABLY NOT CAPABLE OF UNDERTAKING THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SITE SELECTION, AND THE US CANNOT DO IT UNILATERALLY, THIS LEAVES THE JOB TO THE EGYPTIAN ADVISORS. BRIG MUSTAFA STATES THAT THEY ARE READY TO PROCEED, BUT CANNOT DO SO WITHOUT KNOWING THE CLASSIFIED CAPABILITIES OF THE IHAWK SYSTEM.
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